



**Note on Ofqual consultation into Computer Science GCSE non-examined assessment (NEA)**

Ofqual is launching a consultation into the role of the non-examination assessment (NEA) in GCSE (9-1) Computer Science.

The consultation has been launched due to concerns about the potential for malpractice in the NEA and the impact this may have on the first computer science awards in 2018.

**What are the awarding organisations doing?**

JCQ and the awarding organisations will respond as stakeholders to the consultation. The awarding organisations will work with Ofqual to ensure that any changes required as a result of the consultation are implemented as smoothly as possible, and that schools and colleges are supported during the process.

Centres with initial queries about the consultation should contact [Ofqual](#).

**How does the consultation affect the NEA task?**

Centres should ensure that students continue to complete the NEA task in accordance with the specification set out by their awarding organisation. The NEA has a duration of 20 hours and requires students to complete a final report relating to their task.

**How to get involved in the Ofqual consultation**

The consultation document and instructions for how to become involved can be found on the [Ofqual website](#).

This message has been issued by JCQ on behalf of its members. If you have any further queries please contact your awarding organisation for clarification:

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